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1. SUMMARY: AFTER FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS, PERUVIAN OFFICIALS AND WASHINGTON ENERGY TEAM AGREED TO INITIATE A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF ENERGY RESOURCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT IN PERU. THUS PERU BECOMES SECOND COUNTRY, AFTER EGYPT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM OR ENERGY COOPERATION UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 8. OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, A DOE-LED TECHNICAL TEAM, WORKING WITH US MISSION PERSONNEL, WILL JOIN WITH THE PERUVIANS TO DEVELOP AN OVERALL ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND A SERIES OF ENERGY STRATEGIES FOR USE BY THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE ITS FUTURE ENERGY/ECONOMIC PLANNING. END SUMMARY.

2. A WASHINGTON TEAM (STATE, DOE, AID, USGS) ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF MET WITH KEY PERUVIAN ENERGY OFFICIALS INCLUDING ENERGY AND MINES VICE MINISTER ING. RICARDO SAETTONE ON MARCH 30 TO EXPLAIN THE PILOT PROGRAM ON ENERGY COOPERATION ESTABLISHED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 8 AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERU WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT. THE US TEAM

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DESCRIBED THE ENVISIONED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY AS CONSISTING OF A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY RESOURCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT LEADING TO THE JOINT PREPARATION OF ENERGY STRATEGIES CONSISTENT WITH THE GOP'S DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES. THE FINAL REPORT, WHICH WOULD COST OUT THE VARIOUS ENERGY OPTIONS UNDER EACH OF THE POSSIBLE STRATEGIES, WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS USE IN

DEVELOPING ITS OWN ENERGY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING.

3. THE PERUVIAN SIDE DEMONSTRATED SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. THEY AGREED TO SET UP A COORDINATING GROUP COMPRISED OF THE KEY ENERGY OFFICIALS WITHIN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO WORK WITH US OFFICIALS TO CARRY THROUGH THE PROGRAM. THE PERUVIAN GROUP WILL BE HEADED BY VICE MINISTER SAETTONE.

4. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A FLEXIBLE TIMETABLE, THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WAS AGREED:

--DOE ADVIACE GROUP (2-3 PEOPLE) WILL SPEND THE WEEK OF APRIL 24 IN LIMA PREPARING FOR SUBSEQUENT VISITS OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN THE MAJOR ENERGY AREAS (HYDROCARBONS, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, ETC.)

--THESE EXPERTS WILL VISIT PERU AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AND GATHER OR CONFIRM THE DATA NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT AND A COST OUT PROJECTED FUTURE ENERGY BALANCES AND STRATEGIES. THIS ANALYTICAL WORK WILL BE DONE PRINCIPALLY IN THE US, WITH PARTICIPATION BY PERUVIAN OFFICIALS.

--THE FINAL JOINT REPORT TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER TIME FRAME.
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5. THE MARCH 30 DISCUSSIONS INDICATED THAT PERU HAS SUBSTANTIAL UNEXPLORED ENERGY POTENTIALS AND THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RESOURCES AND EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTING THEIR BENEFITS. PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WAS THE IMAGINATIVE R & D WORK NOW UNDERWAY IN SMALL-SCALE HYDRO AND SOLAR ENGERY SOURCES. AN EARLIER MEETING WITH UNDP PERSONNEL ALSO REVEALED THAT A SIGNIFICANT UN/PERUVIAN COLLAOBRATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND URANIUM RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS. US ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA WOULD BE DESIGNED TO SUPPLEMENT AND UTILIZE EXISTING WORK.

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